

**MINUTES**  
**VERNON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL - 14 PARK PLACE - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**VERNON, CONNECTICUT**

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**August 24, 2009 7:30 PM**

Mayor Jason L. McCoy called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

**A) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Council Members Daniel Anderson, Daniel Champagne, Mark Etre, Nancy E Herold, Brian R. Motola, Sean O'Shea, Pauline Schaefer, Harry D. Thomas, Michael A. Winkler

**Absent:** Marie Herbst

**Entered During Meeting:** Bill Fox (7:35 PM), Bill Campbell (7:46 PM)

**Also Present:** Mayor Jason L. McCoy, Town Administrator John Ward, Recording Secretary Jill Kentfield

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

There were no speakers at citizen's forum.

Citizen's forum closed at 7:32 PM

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Council Member Herold pulled consent agenda item #'s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda items 7 and 8 as presented.

7:38 PM Council Member Etre left the table

7:39 PM Council Member Etre returned

**B.) CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- C 1. Request the Town Council approve the budget amendments #65 - #66 for fiscal year 2008-2009, as provided by James Luddecke, Finance Officer.**

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENTS #65 - #66, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009, AS OUTLINED IN THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FORMS PROVIDED BY JAMES LUDDECKE, FINANCE OFFICER.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to approve budget amendments 65-66 for fiscal year 2008-2009. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Member Campbell abstained.

- C 2. Request the Town Council authorize the liquidation and re-appropriation of fiscal year 2007-2008 encumbrances in the amount of \$380,629.01 to the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget as detailed in the attached chart.** (A copy of a memorandum from James M. Luddecke, Finance Officer to John D. Ward, Town Administrator dated August 14, 2009 is included for your review.)

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE LIQUIDATION AND RE-APPROPRIATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 ENCUMBRANCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380,629.01 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET AS DETAILED IN THE ATTACHED CHART.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to authorize the liquidation and re-appropriation of fiscal year 2007-2008 encumbrances in the amount of \$380,629.01 to the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 3. Request the Town Council schedule a public hearing regarding an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #248 to Authorize the Appointment of one additional member to the Board of Assessment Appeals for Tax Years 2009 and following".** (A copy of the proposed changes along with Ordinance #248 are included in the packet for review. Also in the packet is a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council Members dated August 14, 2009 for you review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL, CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V, SECTION SIX OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #248 TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS FOR TAX YEARS 2009 AND FOLLOWING", AT 7:35 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 LOCATED AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to schedule a public hearing regarding and Ordinance entitled, "an Ordinance Amending Ordinance #248 to authorize the appointment of one additional member to the Board of Assessment Appeals for Tax Years 2009 and following". Discussion took place. Council Member Schaefer made a motion to amend the motion to include 2 additional members for a total membership of 5. Motion carried unanimously with amendment.

- C 4. Request the Town Council authorizes the Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee to apply for and execute the necessary documents to receive the ARRA Energy Grant in the amount of \$110,767.00.** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council Members dated August 13, 2009 is included in the packet for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO RECEIVE THE AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,767.00.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to authorize Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee to apply for and execute the documents to receive American Reinvestment and Recovery Act Energy Grant funds in the amount of \$110,767.00. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Members Herold and Schaefer opposed.

- C 5. **Request the Town Council authorizes Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Application for Valley Falls Park Nature Interpretive Center and authorizes Mayor Jason L. McCoy or his designee to execute any documents necessary to receive the grant.** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and the Town Council Members dated August 14, 2009 is included for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR VALLEY FALLS PARK NATURE INTERPRETIVE CENTER AND AUTHORIZES MAYOR JASON L. MCCOY OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE THE GRANT.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to authorize Jason L. McCoy or his designee to apply for a Recreational Trails Program Application for Valley Falls Park Nature Interpretive Center and authorizes the Mayor or his designee to execute any documents necessary to receive the grant. Discussion took place. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 6. **Request the Town Council authorizes the bid waiver for De-Icing Control Systems for the Department of Public Works vehicles.** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council Members dated August 14, 2009 is included for your review.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER XII, SECTION 9, OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN TO WAIVE THE SEALED BID PROCEDURE FOR NEW ENGLAND TRUCK TO INSTALL FOUR DE-ICING CONTROL SYSTEMS FOR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made the above motion to authorize the bid waiver for De-Icing Control Systems for the Department of Public Works Vehicles. Discussion took place. Motion carried, Council Member Herold abstained.

- C 7. **Request the Town Council schedule a public hearing on an Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance amending Ordinance #242 to authorize the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority to add properties to the jurisdictional area".** (A copy of a memorandum from John D. Ward, Town Administrator to Mayor Jason L. McCoy and Town Council Members dated August 18, 2009 is included in your packet.)

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

THE TOWN COUNCIL CONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER V SECTION SIX OF THE VERNON TOWN CHARTER, ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARING ON AND PUBLICATION OF ORDINANCES," HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #242 TO AUTHORIZE THE BOLTON LAKES REGIONAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO ADD PROPERTIES TO THE JURISDICTIONAL AREA**", AT 7:40 PM ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 LOCATED AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, THIRD FLOOR, 14 PARK PLACE, VERNON, CONNECTICUT TO RECEIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion for the Town Council to schedule a public hearing on an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #242 to Authorize the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority to add Properties to the Jurisdictional Area" at 7:40 PM on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

- C 8. Request the Town Council approves budget amendment #3 for 2009-2010 as presented by the Finance Officer James Luddecke.**

**PROPOSED MOTION**

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY APPROVES BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,670.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT (10780290 57590) FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO WASTE OIL FURNACES FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Etre made the above motion to approve budget amendment #3 for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$21,670.00 for the purchase of two waste oil furnaces for public works. Motion carried unanimously.

**C.) NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Discussion and information requested Councilman Winkler regarding the July, 2009 mailing by the Town of Vernon to "POSTAL CUSTOMER VERNON-ROCKVILLE, CT 06066".**

Discussion took place regarding the funding sources and cost of the mailing and printing along with the intended recipients.

**D.) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 21, 2009 AND THAT MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. (PLEASE BRING YOUR MINUTES FROM YOUR PACKET OF AUGUST 18, 2009.)**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the above motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2009 Regular Town Council meeting. Council Member Thomas requested a correction to the misspelling of the word hereby on 4 separate sections of page 12. Motion carried, Council Member Etre abstained.

8:26 PM Council Member Herold left the table

**THE TOWN COUNCIL WAIVES THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2009 AND THAT THE AMENDED MINUTES OF SAID MEETING BE APPROVED. (PLEASE BRING YOUR MINUTES FROM YOUR PACKET OF AUGUST 18, 2009.)**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the above motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2009 Regular Town Council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**E.) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Thomas made the following motion to go into executive session:

**THE TOWN COUNCIL PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GIVEN IN CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES §1-200(6) (D) HEREBY MOVES TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS: TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LOCATION - OVIATE ROAD. THE TOWN COUNCIL INVITES THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO ATTEND, ATTORNEY HAROLD CUMMINGS AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOHN D. WARD.**

There were no motions made.

8:42 PM Council Member Campbell left the table

**Adjourn (8:45 PM)**

Council Member Motola, seconded by Council Member Champagne made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Received:

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Kentfield  
Recording Secretary